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Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - June 13, 2001

- ***In the West***, warm, dry weather favors fieldwork and crop development in ***California and the Southwest***. Meanwhile, cool weather lingers in the ***Northwest***, where recent showers eased stress on pastures and dryland small grains.
- ***On the Plains***, scattered showers are causing only minor winter wheat harvest delays across ***southern areas***. On the ***northern High Plains***, cool, showery weather continues to significantly ease long-term drought but slow the development of winter wheat and spring-sown small grains.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, thunderstorms continue to develop across the ***eastern Dakotas, Minnesota, and parts of Wisconsin***, maintaining wet conditions across ***northwestern growing areas***. Elsewhere in the region, hot weather favors winter wheat maturation and rapid summer crop development.
- ***In the South***, the remnants of Tropical Storm Allison are tracking slowly east-northeastward across ***Georgia and South Carolina***, producing locally heavy rainfall. Mostly dry weather prevails in the ***central and western Gulf Coast regions***, aiding flood recovery efforts.

Outlook: The remnant circulation of Allison is forecasts to move into the ***Mid-Atlantic region*** later this week. Meanwhile, a strong, late-spring storm system will produce rain and snow in the ***Intermountain West*** and widespread, locally severe thunderstorms in the ***Plains and Midwest***. The system will sweep into the ***East*** during the weekend and interact with Allison's remnants. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 18-22 call for near- to above-normal temperatures nearly nationwide. Cool weather will be confined to the ***nation's northern tier***, accompanied by widespread precipitation. Near- to below-normal rainfall is forecast across the ***South***.

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